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SPORTS

By Billy Conner

Raiders Whip Gretna 28-6 In Season Opener

The Raiders stopped the Gretna Hawks Friday night in the season opener for both teams as the Seminole District Football competition got underway.

Despite the obvious lack of offensive punch, the Appomattox team rolled to a 28-6 victory, thanks to an aggressive defense.

William Scott, 5'9", 175 lb. junior, was the standout player in the game, although he received a battle from Larry Kelso and Earnest Daye. Scott was credited with 10 assists, 3 solo tackles and 2 blocked punts, one setting up a Raider touchdown. Kelso, a senior weighing 220 lbs and standing 6'3" had 3 solo tackles, 7 assists, 1 blocked punt and recovered a Gretna fumble. Daye had 7 solo tackles, 7 assists and blocked a Hawk punt which rolled into the Gretna end zone where Daye promptly fell on the ball for a Raider score.

The best offensive play of the night for the Raiders came after just 4 minutes had been played, when Terry Woods took a screen pass from Quarterback Byron Roach and scampered 42 yards for a TD. Woods kicked the point after and the Raiders led 7-0. With 31 seconds remaining in the first period, Larry Kelso blocked a Gretna punt giving the Raiders the ball on the Hawk 10. On the second play in the second quarter, Charles Rixey took the ball in from the 1 yard line and Appomattox held a 13-0 lead.

After the Hawks and Raiders failed to pick up first downs during the next six minutes, Gretna was again faced with a punting situation and this time it was William Scott with the block which set up another Raider score at the 14. With the ball on the Gretna 9 yard line, Roach passed Woods for the score. Woods kick for the PAT was good.

Gretna failed to move the ball again after the kick-off, in fact they lost yardage on their three offensive plays. This time it was Earnest Daye who wanted to get in on the act and with 2:26 remaining in the half he blocked the Gretna punt and fell on the ball in the Hawk end zone. A two point conversion pass, Roach to Schrock was good and the Raiders held a 28-0 halftime lead.

That ended the scoring for Appomattox although the offense had good field position several times during the second half.

Gretna, never giving up, managed to push across a touchdown on the first offensive play of the fourth quarter, when Quarterback Spencer Haley scored from the 31 on a quarterback keeper. The try for a two point conversion failed.

Appomattox 7 21 0 0 - 28
Gretna 0 0 0 6 - 6

A-Woods 42 pass from Roach (Woods kick(A-Rixey 1 run (Kick failed) A- Woods 9 pass from Roach (Woods kick) A-Daye blocked punt (Schrock pass from Roach) G-Haley 31 run (run failed)

Appomattox Statistics: First downs 8, yards rushing 95, yards passing 117, passes 17-5-1, fumbles lost 1, yards penalized 6-60.

Gretna Statistics: First downs 3, yards rushing 12, yards passing 54, passes 14-3-1, fumbles lost 1, yards penalized 5-40.

Upon arrival in Dearborn around midday Friday the team found itself one of seventy-eight participating ball clubs from all over the United States. They represented Virginia along with one other team, McDonalds of Winchester. As if such thoughts weren't awesome enough for the local Renegades, they next learned that they would be matched against the 1978 World runners-up, the Ohio Rocketts, for their first game at 8:00 A.Am. Saturday morning. Undaunted in spirit, the spunky group proceeded with an afternoon practice in preparation for their first contest.

To add greatly to the pleasure and excitement of the entire weekend the team was quite fortunate in obtaining rooms at a special team rate at the exclusive Hyatt Regency Hotel. The hotel was conveniently located only five minutes from the complex of seven playing fields and served as headquarters for many other teams as well as the USSSA hospitality center. After a delightful evening spent touring the hotel and a nearby ultra modern shopping mall the team retired early, setting their alarms for 6:00 A.M.

The Renegades first game proved to be a defensive battle throughout the first five innings as the score remained 0-0. The Rockets broke the ice in the top of the sixth as they saw one run cross the plate. Unable to match the lost run the Renegades took the field in the seventh still hopeful of tying or perhaps winning the game with their final bat in the bottom of the inning. Such hopes faded as the Rockett bats produced three singles and a triple to take a 4-0 lead, leaving the Renegades with only a single turn at bat. Renegade bats remained cold and the team suffered a disappointing 4-0 loss. Although encouraged by their tough defensive performance the group had produced only two hits for the game.

The team received a bye in the first round of the losers' bracket and moved next to a game against the Greenburg Stars of Pennsylvania at 10:00 Saturday night. The Renegade caliber of play was greatly improved and produced a most exciting game-one worthy of the USSSA World Tournament. The Stars went to bat first and scored one run off a double and two singles. The previously cold Renegade bats started to sizzle as they retaliated with a double by Pam Harris and single by Sharon Arrington which drove in two runs giving the home team a 2-1 edge after one inning. Greenburg belted two singles and a double to send two runs across in the top of the second to take a 3-2 lead. Singles by Helena Flannagan, Liz Satterfield, Connie Murray, and Pam Harris sent three runs in and again claimed the lead for the Renegades 5-3. The extremely hardhitting Stars came roaring back in the top of the third and scored four big runs and went ahead 7-5. Unable to score in the third or fourth innings, the Renegade defense held in the fourth but gave up one run in the fifth to fall behind 8-5. A single from Mary Tolley and a double from Beth Fore in the fifth produced two runs and cut the Stars lead to 8-7. Efforts of the Stars in the top of the sixth earned them one more run which the Renegades matched in the bottom of the inning making the Stars advantage after six complete 9-8. Greenburg continued to batter the ball with three straight hits scoring two more runs in the seventh. Meanwhile, a super defensive effort by Sharon Arrington resulted in a serious shoulder injury and a three-run deficit for the Renegades as they came to bat for their final effort. Roxie Martin led off with a single but successive batters failed to produce the needed hits and the home team lost a hard fought contest 11-8.

Although the team had suffered two disappointing losses their spirit and immense pride in their season's accomplishments remained strong. As they boarded the bus Sunday for the long trip home the feelings that dominated were ones of satisfaction, appreciation, and pride in having had the honor of participating in the most prestigious event of the softball world of USSSA. Equipped with "World" T-shirts and various other souvenirs of their weekend, the weary group arrived in Richmond around midnight Sunday. Each girl returned to her home in the realization that she had shared an experience afforded to few each year and beyond compare to any softball enthusiast. Mingled, perhaps, with her varied reflections on her weekend experiences, was a distinct and growing desire and determination to someday do it again!

The entire team was completely overwhelmed by the support and response it received from local communities and businessmen. Each girl wishes to express her most sincere appreciation and gratitude to each and every individual and business that made this fabulous trip possible. Each player well knows and will always remember that only because of such loyal backing did her dream trip come true.

Girls Volleyball Invitational Tourney Scheduled

The Girls Volleyball Invitational Tournament will be held at Jefferson Forest High School.

Games begin Thursday, September 13th, at 5 p.m. and continue until 7 p.m.

The tournament will continue on Saturday, September 15th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The ACHS Raiderettes will be playing either Altavista or Rustburg at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Admission will be 50 cents for students and $1.00 for adults.

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Jayvees Looked Impressive Beating Blackstone 38-14

Opening the 1979 season against non-district Blackstone last Thursday in Bragg Stadium, the Raider Jayvees displayed a quick, fast offense and a solid defense in overpowering their opponents 38-14.

Dennis Fleshman led the offensive unit scoring three consecutive touchdowns in the second half on a 35 yard run, a 60 yard punt return, and a 55 yard run after taking a screen pass from Quarterback Kevin Ferguson.

Coach Howard Clabough, in his first season as Jayvee Coach, was very pleased with the teams performance but stopped short of predicting a Seminole District title. "Our defense let them get outside on several occasions", said Clabough, "but their scores came late in the game when we had a second and third string in there".

Statistics were not available for the game, however unofficial sources had the Appomattox offense well over 400 yards total offense.

Mike Williams was credited with two 40 yard punts.

Appomattox 6 14 12 6 - 38
Blackstone 0 0 6 8 - 14

A-Kevin Ferguson 1 run (Kick failed), A-Rodney Bryant 2 run (Edmunds run), A-Ricky Miller 8 run with recovered fumble (run failed), A-Dennis Fleshman 35 run (Kick failed), A-Dennis Fleshman 60 punt return (run failed), A-Dennis Fleshman 55 pass from Ferguson (run failed)

Raider Sports

Sept. 12 thru Sept. 19
Volleyball: Sept. 13, 14 & 15 Invitational Tournament at Jefferson Forest. Sept. 18 - Liberty at A.C.H.S., 4:30 pm.
Varsity Football: Sept. 14 - William Campbell at Bragg Stadium, 8:00 pm.
Jayvee Football: Sept. 13 at William Campbell, 6:00 PM.

Renegades Girls' Softball Team Went to World Tournament

Labor Day weekend 1979 was a very special one for the fifteen members of the Renegades girls' softball team. After several weeks of intense fund raising to finance their team travel to the USSSA World Tournament at Dearborn, Michigan, their dream trip became a reality. All the many hours spent selling donuts, raffle tickets and brunswick stew plus those spent soliciting donations from supportive businesses throughout the Appomattox, Farmville, Pamplin, and Chase City areas paid off. It all became well worth the effort as the enthusiastic Renegades realized their goal, boarded their chartered bus Thursday night, and set out on the thirteen hour trip to Michigan. Team members included Sharon Arrington, Mariana Johnson, Beth Fore, Mary Tolley, Joyce Tolley, Connie Murray, Roxie Martin, Annette Carter, Susan Handy, Janet Flynn, Liz Satterfield, Pam Harris, Terry Adams, Helena Flanagan, and Cindy Crute. A group of thirteen Renegade relatives and friends accompanied the team on their long journey and provided plenty of spirit and backing for the players throughout the weekend.

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For more information call 352-8654 or 352-5420.

Gymnastics Classes

Gymnastics classes, sponsored by the Lynchburg YWCA, will be taught at the Appomattox Middle School beginning September 11, 1979.

Several of the classes still have openings.

For registration please call the YWCA, 847-7751.

Varsity Cheerleaders Plan Skate Party

The Appomattox County High School Varsity Cheerleaders are having a skating party on September 17, 1979 at A. J. Skateworld from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The cost is $2.00 per person. Tickets are being sold by all Varsity Cheerleaders.

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Cardiovascular Golf And Tennis Tourneys Planned

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